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To: 'Rust, Erik'
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Subject: West Lake Landfill Briefing Follow-Up Correspondence

Good Morning,

Attached is a follow-up letter from the West Lake briefing.

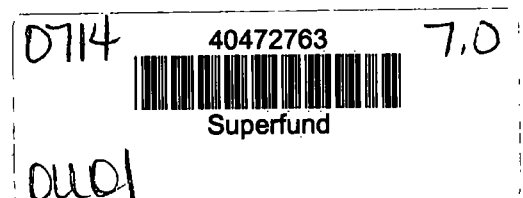
The original has been mailed.

Thanks.

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The Honorable Ann Wagner
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congresswoman Wagner:

Thank you for spending a solid, productive hour on March 12, 2013, with my Region 7 colleagues and me to discuss work this agency is doing at the Westlake Landfill site in Bridgeton. My Superfund team appreciated you and your staff's probing, thoughtful questions. I hope we supplied useful information that helps you effectively represent your St. Louis area constituents.

As we promised in the call, we supplied your staff with the contact information for the Missouri Department of Natural Resources staff who manage that agency's responsibilities at the Former Active Sanitary Landfill (OU 2), particularly its efforts to work with the Landfill's parent company (Republic Services) to extinguish the fire and to ensure air emissions do not threaten public health. The EPA Region 7 is supporting MDNR's work, as the lead agency, because the state has delegated authority under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act to permit, close, and remediate environmental threats at solid waste landfills. The EPA's responsibility, by contrast, remains for the radiological contamination at OU 1. The EPA continues to work with Potentially Responsible Parties (Bridgeton Landfill, Rock Road Industries, Cotter Corporation, and the United States Department of Energy) in addressing radiological contamination at OU 1.

I appreciate your concern for the ways in which the EPA's work at Westlake Landfill will affect air traffic safety at St. Louis International Airport. My staff sent you, after our briefing, the letter the EPA Region 7 recently received from the Airport. Please be assured that this agency takes these safety concerns seriously as we refresh the scientific data needed to support my ultimate decision whether to reconsider and perhaps amend the 2008 Record of Decision that called for "capping in place" at OU 1.

I enjoyed the opportunity to get to you know and look forward to meeting you in a future visit to St. Louis. If we can be of any further assistance, please feel free to contact me at 913-551-7006, or your staff may call LaTonya Sanders, Congressional Liaison, at 913-551-7555.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karl Brooks".

Karl Brooks



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